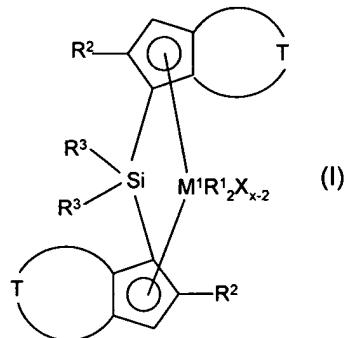
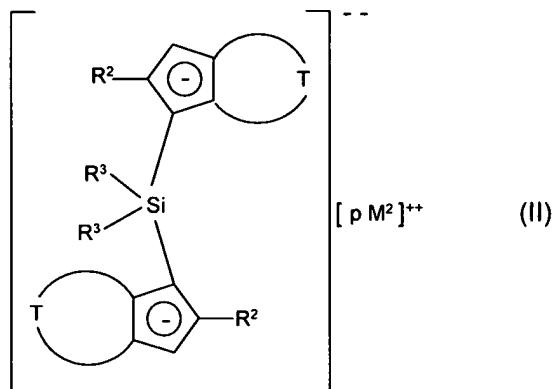


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

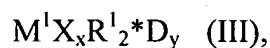
1. canceled
2. canceled
3. (currently amended) A process for the racemoselective preparation of silicon-bridged dialkylansa-metallocenes of the formula (I):



which comprises reacting a ligand starting compound of the formula (II):



with a transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III):



where

M^1 is an element of group 4, 5 or 6 of the Periodic Table of the Elements;

R^1 are identical C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl or C_7 - C_{40} -arylalkyl radicals;

X are identical or different halogens;

R^2 are identical or different C_1 - C_{40} radicals;

R^3 are identical or different C_1 - C_{40} radicals;

T is a divalent C_1 - C_{40} group which together with the cyclopentadienyl ring forms a further saturated or unsaturated ring system which has a ring size of from 5 to 12 atoms, where T may contain the heteroatoms Si, Ge, N, P, O or S in the ring system fused onto the cyclopentadienyl ring;

M^2 is Li, Na, K, MgCl, MgBr, MgI, Mg or Ca;

D is an uncharged Lewis base ~~ligand~~;

x is equal to the oxidation number of M^1 minus 2;

y is from 0 to 2;

and

p is 1 in the case of doubly positively charged metal ions or 2 in the case of singly positively charged metal ions or metal ion fragments,

wherein the transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III) is produced at above - 30°C by combining a compound M^1X_{x+2} with from 2 to 2.5 equivalents of a compound R^1M^3 in the presence of a ~~ligand~~ compound D , where

M^3 is Li^+ , Na^+ , K^+ , $MgCl^+$, $MgBr^+$, MgI^+ , $\frac{1}{2} [Mg^{++}]$ or $\frac{1}{2} [Zn^{++}]$.

4. canceled

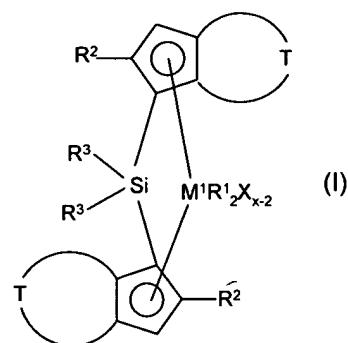
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6. (previously presented) The process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the reaction is carried out in an organic solvent or solvent mixture which comprises at least 10% by volume of an ether.

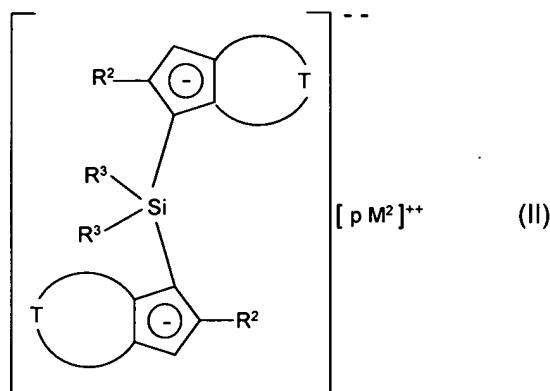
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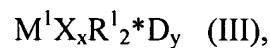
9. (currently amended) A process for the racemoselective preparation of silicon-bridged dialkyl-ansa-metallocenes of the formula (I):



which comprises reacting a ligand starting compound of the formula (II):



with a transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III):



where

R^2 are identical or different C₁-C₄₀ radicals;

R^3 are identical or different C₁-C₄₀ radicals;

M^2 is Li, Na, K, MgCl, MgBr, MgI, Mg or Ca;

D is an uncharged Lewis base ligand;
x is equal to the oxidation number of M¹ minus 2;
y is from 0 to 2;
p is 1 in the case of doubly positively charged metal ions or 2 in the case of singly positively charged metal ions or metal ion fragments,

T is a 1,3-butadiene-1,4-diyl group which may be unsubstituted or be substituted by from 1 to 4 radicals R⁴, where the two 1,3-butadiene-1,4-diyl groups may be different;

R⁴ are identical or different C₁-C₂₀ radicals;

M¹ is titanium, zirconium or hafnium;
R¹ are identical C₁-C₅-alkyl or C₇-C₂₀-arylalkyl radicals; and
X is halogen,
wherein the transition metal dialkyl compound of the formula (III) is produced at above – 30°C by combining a compound M¹X_{x+2} with from 2 to 2.5 equivalents of a compound R¹M³ in the presence of a ligand compound D, where

M³ is Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, MgCl⁺, MgBr⁺, MgI⁺, ½ [Mg⁺⁺] or ½ [Zn⁺⁺].

10. canceled

11. canceled